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## Committee cites 'dire situation' in county facilities

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

Upgrading some of Coryell County's aging and rundown buildings which present a "dire situation" with "facilities literally falling down around employees and little to nothing has been done to correct this problem for years," according to an eight page report, is the goal of the Coryell County Commissioner Advisory Committee, which issued an eight-page report to the Coryell County Commissioners Court assessing the problem and presenting possible solutions.

The committee, which includes Fred Chavez, Nancy Botkin, Bob Brown and Matt Dossey, was formed by the Commissioners Court to explore and research county facility needs based on both current conditions and future growth, to develop a plan to address facility needs and to make recommendations.

"The definitive goal of the committee is to present to the taxpayers of Coryell County the very best option for facility improvement to meet the needs of Coryell County government offices and, ultimately, Coryell County residents doing business in those offices, while not burdening the taxpayers with an unjustified or unnecessary debt service tax or increase in maintenance and operation tax," the report states.

Committee members visited with county residents, elected officials and employees working in those facilities and have an aim to "recommend to the Coryell Commissioners Court a reasonable and



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Poor conditions at the Coryell County Justice Court Building were a focus of a recent Coryell County Commissioners Court meeting.

attainable facility plan that stakeholders in Coryell County can support and have confidence their tax dollars are not being squandered on short term, quick fix solutions that will need to be revisited in the very near future," the report states.

Dossey said during discovery work, committee members talked to those who use the facilities most and "did our due diligence, called

in architects and wanted some of our own questions answered."

He said those he talked to about facility needs didn't have a "vast difference of opinion - everybody was in the same ballpark and I think everybody recognizes some glaring needs and concerns."

The report listed short-term, mid-range and long-term facility needs.

"Immediate needs to be addressed now" include the building used as offices for the justices of the peace, constable and brand inspector (the old jail) and the building used by the Texas Department of Public Safety (former Poston Implement building) and the 440th District courtroom, the report states.

Among major concerns were

"exposed rebar, severe water leaks and flooding, cracked and damaged walls, infestation of rats, mold and mildew, lack of secured doors, inadequate space and no secured parking for staff" at the old jail and implement building.

Major concerns for the 440th District courtroom, previously the

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## Romance, error leads to Purmela community's name

BY DAVID SCOTT  
STAFF WRITER

Purmela is a small community in Coryell County located about 15 miles west of Gatesville. Founded in 1879, the naming of the community was said to have originated in romance and in error.

According to The History of Purmela by Viola Basham Cathey, "A bachelor named Matt Drennan, founder of the town and owner of the first store and post office, chose a name for the town. It seems that Drennan loved a girl by the name of 'Furmela Hebensthal,' but he failed to win her affection. He thought if he named the town after her she might change her mind. The U.S. Post Office [in Washington, D.C.] was petitioned with the name 'Furmela,' but by error, the name was returned as Purmela. The story goes that Furmela did not change her mind; so, the disappointed Mr. Drennan sold his property and moved away."

Another version of this story was offered by local historian, Sherry Lawrence, with a little different

ending. "Martin Drennan opened a store in the original town and applied for a U.S. Post Office. He submitted the name of his sweetheart Furmela, but the Post Office was granted the name of Purmela on May 19, 1879. According to a story, Martin's sweetheart thought he had another girlfriend named Purmela, and she broke off the relationship. This supposedly hurt Mr. Drennan so much that he sold his store and left the state."

Whether this story is actually true or not is not known, but it does add an interesting highlight to the town's name. Research has shown that a girl with the given name of "Furmela" cannot be found ever residing in Coryell County or in the State of Texas. According to research provided by Lawrence, "The facts are that the U.S. Federal Census shows no girl named Furmela living in Coryell County 1860-1880, nor is there one named Purmela. There are 15 women named Permela in the same census reports; and Martin Drennan is al-



PLEASE SEE **PURMELA** | A2 **A misread name altered the name of the Coryell County community of Purmela.**

## Gatesville Council formalizes municipal judge contract

BY JEFF OSBORNE  
SENIOR WRITER & EDITOR

The city of Gatesville formally approved an employment agreement for Tonya K. Place to continue serving as municipal judge, a position she has held since September 1990.

City Manager Bill Perry said despite the fact that Place has served in that capacity for more than 31 years, and before that had

served as associate municipal judge from 1984 until 1990 "there was never a (formal) employment agreement."

He noted that Texas Government Code Chapter 290 states that "the municipal judge serves a two-year term that runs concurrently with the mayor's term and must be reapointed biennially by the City Council."

A Council memorandum states "it has been practice since the 1960s that Council design-

nate a local attorney as city municipal judge, agree to an annual salary and provide health insurance benefits."

A contract specifies that Place is paid \$2,140.86 per month to serve as municipal judge.

City policy is that employees who work less than 40 hours per week are not typically covered under the city's health insurance plan, but Parry said Place has been on the

city's insurance policy for the past 32 years. City staff recommended that for the municipal judge, health insurance continue to be provided.

The Council unanimously approved the measure.

"We will continue to do as we have been except we put it in writing," said Mayor Gary Chumley.

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# FACILITIES

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District courtroom, previously the Powell Supply building, are "inadequate space for high profile jury cases," the need to provide better security, no expansion options and no secured parking.

Topping the committee's mid-range list is the Coryell County Jail which Dossey said needs to be addressed "in the next two to three years and not 20 or 30 years."

He noted that Coryell County ranks fifth on a list of 254 Texas counties housing jail inmates outside the county, and said it had recently been fourth on that list.

County officials have to regularly go before the Texas Jail Standards Commission to talk about what steps are being taken to alleviate jail overcrowding issues. The report noted that Coryell County has spent more than \$1.8 million sending inmates to other counties' jails.

The current jail can house 92 inmates, and the jail standards commission has recommended that Coryell County have a jail with the ability to house 240 inmates by the year 2040.

The committee's recommendation is to build a jail facility on property on FM 929 that the state has donated to Coryell County. That property is near the Woodman Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

"After diligent research on utilizing the downtown area for expansion of the current jail ... economically the expansion of the current jail carried no savings to Coryell County citizens,"

the report states. "Logistically, the expansion of the current jail created a nightmare for the downtown area with regards to relocating utilities, construction equipment traffic, relocating current inmate population and purchasing two additional properties. The other issue that had to be addressed was if the current jail was expanded there would be no further room for future expansion. The county would be landlocked with no viable option in the downtown area.

The report also listed longer term needs, including adding a Coryell County Government Building to house the 52nd and 440th district courts, the county court at law, and offices for the county and district attorneys' offices, the county clerk, district clerk, juvenile justice probation, adult probation and possibly the Coryell County tax office.

The report stated "the committee is very hopeful that the recommendations made will be considered and acted upon by the commissioners court and not cast asid.

"(It is) time for the gridlock to end and progress to build a better tomorrow for the citizens of Coryell County now."

The committee called for unified action by county leaders to address the concerns.

The report states: "The failure to provide adequate facilities, proposed buildings, and needed resources to the employees and elected officials of Coryell County has created a ready-made excuse for substandard performance and in turn hurt local government in Coryell County. By constructing purposeful, durable facilities and providing adequate resources the citizens will be able to hold elected officials accountable, and in turn, the elected officials can hold their respective department employees accountable."

Dossey noted that he and fellow committee member Brown both voted against a previous bond election to fund the construction of a new county jail because "we had concerns and questions we needed answered, and they have been."

He added that whoever is the architect for new facilities will need to be answerable for providing the county what it wants at a reasonable price.

"We need to be very specific about building plans," Dossey said. "Why I say that ... this is our county. We live here, these are our buildings and our families and friends work there. It's not up to the architect to tell us our needs, it's up to us to say what our needs are. If we want a \$5 million building and they come back to us with an \$8 million building, we can say no thanks."

He said if an architect cannot work within the parameters of the county's needs, a different architect can be found who will."

Following the presentation, County Judge Roger Miller expressed his enthusiasm.

"I almost want to stand up and applaud, but I'm not sure that's the appropriate thing to do," he said. "Fred, Matt, Bob and Nancy, we owe you a debt of gratitude. I am very thankful" (for the report).

Committee member Chavez said he understands there is a lot for county leaders to do, adding "I know you are overwhelmed and a committee can help you."

The jail concern looms large, Botkin said.

"One of our main goals is to get the jail facility (improved), adding that "something bad is going to happen" if that concern is not properly addressed.

# PURMELA

FROM PAGE A1

listed in the 1880 Coryell Census, but he is not listed in the 1900 census."

Cathey's account of the story states that Furmela's last name was "Hebensthal." Once again, there are no records of that surname in Coryell County during that time frame, however, there was a family living in close proximity named "Heptinstal" and they, in fact, had a daughter named Permela. In the vertical files at the Gatesville Public Library is a handwritten history of Purmela by H.C. Laxson which states that the town was actually named after a "Permela Hebbenthal." Spellings of the surname have varied over

the years.

This Permela's father, Patrick Heptinstall, settled with his wife and children in Coryell County in February of 1870 where he purchased land northwest of Gatesville in the area later to be known as Purmela. The family would eventually move to Brown County.

If it is to be believed that Permela Heptinstall is the one and the same "Furmela" of legend, she might have been upset that Drennan had misspelled her name on the U.S. Post Office application spelling it as Purmela rather than Permela, but that can only be speculation. It could very well have been an error made in Washington.

Permela Heptinstall married William McDonough in 1884 in Brown County, Texas - five years after the

founding of Purmela. Between 1900 and 1910, the family moved to Kelso, Washington where she spent the remainder of her days raising a family. She died in Seattle on Jan. 28, 1937, at age 73.

As for Martin Drennan, he received a land patent from the State of Texas in 1878 around Purmela. In an 1881 courthouse document, a Matthew Drennan gave his power of attorney to Martin Drennan giving his power to "carry on my business as a merchant at the Permela Post Office." This would raise the question as to whether it was Matt or Martin who owned the store and post office in Purmela.

Martin would later face financial and legal issues in the early 1880s which resulted in at least three court cases. His assets (land

and personal estate) were seized by Coryell County Sheriff Lanham in response from a court order to recover debts that Drennan was unable to pay.

In the legend of the naming of Purmela it was stated that after being rejected by Furmela, he sold his store and left the state. His departure from Coryell County could have been from a broken heart but could have also been because of financial reasons. Drennan did not leave the state but instead ventured to southern Texas where it was said that he was the "originator and projector of a scheme to build a narrow gauge railroad. He was also reported to be a railway contractor.

In 1885, very soon after his departure from Coryell County, Martin Drennan's life would be

cut short at the age of 42 when a passenger train he was riding on plunged off a 26-foot embankment and plunged into the deep waters of Clear Creek below near Hempstead. At least nine people were killed including Drennan. Some of the passengers were said to have drowned when the passenger cars were submerged in the creek. The tragedy would later be called the Clear Creek Wreck.

Newspaper accounts report that Drennan's remains were transported to Galveston for burial.

The legend of the naming of Purmela has been romanticized and chronicled in the history of Coryell County but can now be left up to speculation as to the validity of the actual story... Furmela, Purmela, or Permela - you make the call.

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I am the only candidate that has a history of working with county officials for 10 years and this will allow us to hit the ground running.

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- Elected to Texas State Republican Executive Committee SD 24 2016, re-elected 2018 & 2020
- Board of Directors & President of Gatesville Chamber of Commerce 2014 - 2020
- Coryell County Economic Development Board Volunteer 2015 - 2022

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# COUNTY WIDE

## Oglesby Rattlesnake Roundup Feb. 26-27

The Oglesby Lions Club will be hosting the 52nd annual Rattlesnake Roundup on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26-27, at the Oglesby Community Center. Live demonstrations will be on Saturday at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. On Sunday the demonstrations will be at 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. The snake demonstrations will feature world famous snake handler, Jackie Bibby, who is known as "The Texas Snake Man."

The vendor fair will be on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Sunday it will be from 11:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Snake registration will be on Saturday morning. Registration opens at 7 a.m. - there will be a bonus for early registration. No professional snake hunters will be allowed. There will be no snakes registered after 10 a.m. on Sunday and a safety pledge must be signed. Concessions will be offered by Oglesby ISD and the

Oglesby Volunteer Fire Department. Breakfast will be offered both days, Saturday and Sunday, from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. In addition to the snake handling demonstrations, there will be food vendors, carnival rides, games, train rides and a community blood drive on Saturday. Raffle prizes will also be offered. Live entertainment will take place during Rattlesnake Roundup and will

include Ed Leonard and Friends on Saturday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. General admission to the roundup will be \$5. Children under 6 will be free. For more information about the event, call 469-450-4973 or 254-424-4067, or email to oglesbyrattlesnake@gmail.com. The Rattlesnake Roundup can also be found on Facebook at Oglesby Lions Club Rattlesnake Roundup.

## DAV encourages vets to join meetings

The Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 74 of Gatesville, encourages veterans and disabled veterans to join their organization to see what the chapter does to help veterans and to participate in their monthly meetings. The meetings are held on the first Saturday at 12 p.m.

Robert Kazmierczak, the Sergeant of Arms and the Judge Advocate of the post, said "We want to veterans to know we're here. Our purpose is to help our veterans." He also added that the DAV is a non-profit organization which helps veterans with a variety of support - including helping veterans pay utility bills that they can't afford to pay.

Kazmierczak added that there is an immediate need of

funding to keep the post operating in order to help those veterans who are in need. Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated.

Nationally, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is an organization that was created in 1920 by World War I veterans for disabled military veterans of the United States Armed Forces that helps them and their families through various means. It was issued a federal charter by Congress in 1932. It currently has well over 1 million members.

The Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 74 of Gatesville, is located at 528 State School Road, 1.6 miles from HEB. For more information, please contact Kazmierczak at 903-714-4150.

## CAFÉ members to visit Marble Falls

On March 5, 2022, C.A.F.E., the Christian Adult Fellowship Events group will be leaving at 10 a.m. to drive to Marble Falls to eat lunch at the Bluebonnet Café, which is noted for their pies.

After lunch, the group will travel to Burnet where they will go on the Vanishing River Cruise on Lake Buchanan at 2:30 p.m. Cost for the cruise and transportation will be \$40. The meal will be

self-pay. To make a payment or for more information, contact Ruth Jones at 254-865-2112 or the First United Methodist Church at 254-865-2520.

If you find that you cannot go, please either sell your ticket or give it to someone else. There will not be any refunds after the deadline of Feb. 10. Money cannot be transferred to another trip if you are unable to attend.

## Parkinson's Support Group meets monthly

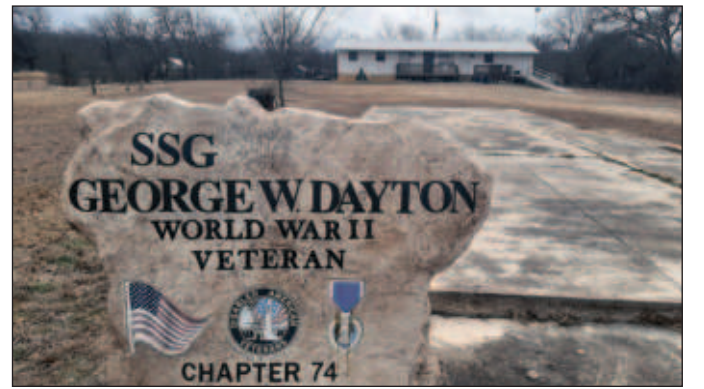
The Parkinson's Support Group of Coryell County meets the second Monday of each month.

The meetings are held at 1 p.m. at Grace Bible Church.

The group helps family members to cope with day-to-day realities of having Parkinson's Disease. The opportunity to swap stories and share resources is said to be therapeutic to those dealing with the disease. Support groups often dis-

cuss a variety of topics centered around dealing with Parkinson's Disease, which includes the challenges that families might encounter and how to handle those challenges.

Those interested in attending the local meeting can call Becky Adams at 254-216-1032. Grace Bible Church is located at 4012 Hwy. 84. Everyone is welcome to attend the group meeting.



## Award-winning author to address the Mystery Book Club

Reavis Z. Wortham will be addressing Gatesville Public Library's Mystery Book Club on Tuesday, March 1, at 6 p.m. Wortham will speak to the club about his new book and will also have his books on hand for purchase. Due to the anticipated crowd, the

meeting will take place at the Gatesville City Auditorium.

Wortham's new book, "The Texas Job," is a Texas Red River historical mystery thriller. The book will be released on Feb. 15.

Reavis Z. Wortham, born in Paris, Texas, is an American

author who is critically acclaimed for his The Red River Series books, including "The Rock Hole," which was a finalist in the prestigious Benjamin Franklin Award presented by the Independent Book Publishers Association, and a finalist for the Will Rog-

ers Medallion. In 2018, he published his seventh novel in the Red River series, "Gold Dust." His new Sonny Hawke thriller series premiered in 2017 with "Hawke's Prey," and "Hawke's War" released in June 2018.

He is a member of Mystery

Writers of America, the Writers' League of Texas, International Association of Crime Writers (North American Branch), Sisters in Crime, The Texas Outdoor Writers Association, and International Thriller Writers.

The public is welcome

to attend the meeting. The Gatesville City Auditorium is located at 110 N. 8th. For more information, please call the Gatesville Public Library at 254-865-5367.

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## CELEBRATING 94 YEARS



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 Charlie Wise was recently honored on his 94th birthday with a Hymn sing and celebration at Trinity Baptist Church. A large attendance of well-wishers were present. The program included ten of Wise's favorite Hymns as well as a showing of a pre-recorded interview of him speaking about his philosophy on life and religious beliefs. Wise is pictured with his wife, Mary Alice.

### PEARL NEWS

## Pearl community planning for annual Flea Market

BY BETSY CLARK  
 Staff Writer

The annual Pearl Flea Market will be on April 23rd from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Vendors, personal Junk-in-Your-Trunk-ers, booths, food trucks, and vegetable/fruit markets are invited.

All sellers will park outside around the Community Center on a "first come-first park" basis. A small fee of \$5 will be charged for each booth/vendor/trunk to benefit the Pearl Community Center. The kitchen will be open for something new—the first Meet and Greet in Pearl. Needed are volunteers to work the kitchen. Bring your favorite snack to donate to the kitchen to sell. The Pearl Church of Christ is donating a large box of fried chicken. All proceeds will go to the Pearl Community Center. Everyone is invited. For more information or to volunteer to work in the kitchen, please call Linda Pruett at 254-865-9282.

Last week, Kay and Michelle Pruett went on a road trip to visit with Sue Weaver at Circle of Love, a non-profit located in Hico that is dedicated to the rescue and rehoming of abandoned, abused, and unwanted companion and farm animals. Kay and Michelle highly recommend adopting a pet from this non-profit group and

supporting them in other ways as well. The agency has been helping Kay to feed abandoned cats for over a year now. Circle of Love will have a booth at the Pearl Flea Market (info about the flea market in the preceding paragraph), and they invite you to visit with them there. To find out more about this non-profit, you can visit them on their Facebook page, Circle of Love Animal Sanctuary. On their way back, Kay and Michelle stopped by my house and brought me a Storm's hamburger and fries (yum)! This was just before last week's Gatesville Messenger came out, so she had not read the story I had written about her at that time. I had given her fair warning that she was "casually mentioned" in the Pearl News column (cough), and that I would like to know if my life was in danger...again. Kay surprised me by saying that I will be on reprieve if I mention where she went that day and what a worthy cause it is. So, please, enjoy more Kay stories for another week

since we never know when that reprieve might end! I might even get another burger when she goes on her next road trip if I am VERY good!! Thank you, Kay!!!

Pearl (the dog, not the community) has not been feeling very well lately. She has had ear infections in both ears but now has antibiotics. The report is that Pearl is already feeling much better and has even accompanied Kay to the greenhouse the last couple of days. Now if we could just get Pearl to love the new family house cat...

The next Pearl Music Festival will be March 5th. Let's all hope that the weather cooperates this time! Neither man nor beast ventured out much during our deep freeze earlier this month. Our Texas weather prognosticator, an armadillo, predicted unpredictable weather throughout Texas during the next six weeks until the end of time. Sounds like Texas weather to me! However, there's an old saying that says "if you can name it, you can proclaim it," so, I proclaim beautiful



Betsy Clark

weather for March 5th! Hope you all will join me in this proclamation!

The closing verse for this week comes 1 Corinthians 13:4-5—Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others. It is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. NIV

To keep up with the latest Pearl news online, you can go to the "Pearl Cottage Bookstore" Facebook page, the "Pearl Church of Christ" Facebook page, or the Pearl Community Center, Texas Facebook page. Or contact me at betsyclarck47@yahoo.com for more information or to submit any Pearl news.

### DEAR FRANKIE

## Talk about killing someone with kindness



**GENEVA WOODRUFF**  
 Frankie is a rescue dog and an emotional support animal for Geneva Woodruff. Woodruff is a retired educator.

**Dear Frankie,**  
 My brother Davy and I are Jack Russell Terriers. We are known for being hunters. Only one of us, however, acts like a Jack. Can you guess? Right, me!

First thing in the morning, our dads let us out into the yard. I immediately survey the property for geckos and snakes. God help them if there is one out there.

On the other hand, Davy plays with his ball and basks in the sun.

When we go in for breakfast, we both get the same amount of food. I don't even get a treat for all my hard work. Do you think that's fair?

Miffed,  
 Cheer

**Dear Cheer,**  
 I do think it is fair. Dogs and humans eat food for nourishment and fuel. Using food as a treat can be a slippery slope. I'm not opposed to an occasional treat here and there, but I have serious concerns about them being a regular part of a dog's diet.

Have you ever noticed how many overweight dogs there are at the dog park? Many have bulked up because their owners want to please them by feeding them treats all day long. Talk about killing someone with kindness.

These dog owners mean well, but they aren't doing their dogs any favors. Obesity causes all sorts of physical and emotional issues for dogs. Fat dogs eventually have trouble breathing and walking.

Some dogs become so dependent on treats they develop all kinds of negative behavior to get their owners' attention. Barking or scratching the cabinet where the treats are, is the least of their offenses.

I'm sure your dads appreciate the efforts you make to keep the family safe. The next time you pass a mirror, enjoy seeing that svelte Jack in the reflection.

Best,  
 Frankie

## Methodist women hold meeting

The regular meeting of the United Methodist Women was held on Feb. 8, 2022, in the Banquet Room of the First United Methodist Church in Gatesville at 5:30 p.m. Eleven members and one visitor, Cindy Martin, were present.

President Patsy Smart called the meeting to order by leading in the Blessing found on page 3 of the new yearbooks. Following refreshments, President Smart thanked the hostesses and thanked Doris Nichols and Cindy Martin for getting the new yearbooks ready. She then read the Purpose and called on Velva Riddle for the Prayer Calendar. The book is now called the Daily Prayer Guide. Riddle also read from the Response Magazine about the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial theme for this year.

Shirleen Chandler presented the program "Love, Justice and Service: Answering the Call." The program included some history of Methodist Deaconesses administered by UMW, discussion of retired Deaconesses and some story snapshots of current Deaconesses working today. Chandler led the group in singing, "Seek Ye First" and provided a time for members to donate to the support of the pro-

gram. A suggestion was made to send cards to some of the retired Deaconesses.

President Smart called the business meeting to order. Treasurer Linda Shirley asked members to be thinking of a mission project for the group to do this year. President Smart read thank you notes from several ladies for the gifts they received at Christmas. Membership, Nurture and Outreach Coordinator Kathleen Blankemeyer brought Valentine cards for members to sign for those in the nursing homes. Senior Day Coordinator Carol Dildine asked for suggestions for this year's high school senior recognition. The group will soon know who is graduating and will pick a Sunday for the recognition.

District Officer Chandler asked members to look in their yearbooks for the date of March 5 for the South District UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat to be held in Georgetown. Emails were recently sent to members about this retreat and Chandler said she was planning to attend and asked anyone wanting to ride to let her know. The deadline to register is Feb. 26.

The meeting adjourned with the Benediction.

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# Local youth wins in Range & Pasture Plant ID Contest at Fort Worth Stock Show

FORT WORTH - Caleb Mannix, Mia Conley, Marcy Conley and Levin Lynch of Coryell County 4H won Third Place Team in the Junior Division of the Range and Pasture Plant Identification Contest January 22 at the 125th edition of the Fort Worth Stock & Rodeo.

Held at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, adjacent to the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo grounds, the contest was open to 4-H and FFA teams from across the state as well as individuals. The Junior Division included students age nine (or third grade) through high school freshmen. High school sophomores through seniors (maximum age 20) competed in the Senior Division.

Contestants were asked

to identify a range of plants from the more than 120 on the master plant list of range and pasture plants adaptable to Texas conditions. The overall high individual in the senior division received a \$4,000 scholarship.

The contests are sponsored jointly by the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Agriculture Science, and the Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service.

The winning team in each division received a plaque sponsored by Beggs Cattle Company of Fort Worth. Gold, silver, and bronze medals were presented to the top 10 high individuals by the Fort Worth Farm &

Ranch Club.

The 125th Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo ended February 5 with more than 1.2 million visitors coming through its gates throughout the 23-day run beginning January 14. A total of \$1.1 million was awarded during the FWSSR PRORODEO Tournament, while a new record of \$6.125 million in sales was set during the Show's Junior Sale of Champions, including the record high of \$310,000 for the Grand Champion Steer shown by 4-H member Tristan Himes of Sterling City, Texas. The 2023 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo will happen January 13 through February 4. Go to [www.fwssr.com](http://www.fwssr.com) for more.



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**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION:** Karate Nerd writer and director MYC Agnew, pictured left, directs the movie's star, Cris Cole during a scene rehearsal.

## CEN-TEX CRIME STOPPERS

### High school bathroom vandalized

Centex crime stoppers can use your help in solving a case of GRAFFITI which occurred in the men's restroom of the newly built Gatesville High School campus at 205 S. Lovers Lane, sometime between Feb. 4, 2022, at 5 p.m. and Feb. 7, 2022, at 7 a.m. Unknown person(s) entered the men's restroom and began vandalizing the stalls, toilets, walls, fixtures, and more. Parents, once again we are asking you to urge your children to understand the consequences of engaging in destruction of school property as an offense like these

costs thousands to repair, which makes it a felony level offense under 28.08 of the Texas Penal Code.

According to the maintenance department, the cost to replace the damaged property is over \$4,000.

If you have any information about any case or any local crime, call Centex Crime Stoppers 24 hours

a day at 1-254-865-8477 (TIPS) or visit our website at [www.Centexcrimestoppers.org](http://www.Centexcrimestoppers.org) or by downloading the "P3" mobile app available on both the Apple app store and Google Play Store. You never have to give your name, and if your information leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a cash reward.

Crime Stoppers, citizens, police, and the media working together can make our community a safer place to live. Together we can make a difference.



# Karate Nerd movie to be filmed in Gatesville, extras needed

Gatesville's own Cris Cole has teamed up with writer/director MYC Agnew for a potential feature film production, "The Karate Nerd."

While Cole will be the star of the movie, the director, Agnew, has been in Gatesville scouting and working on the structure of the story while employing the help of local

community leaders.


Without revealing too much, Agnew said, "Gatesville's beautiful and historic downtown square will be used for the film's grand finale, where the little comedic film will have its big dramatic ending."

Extras will be needed for the film production. To be a

part of the film, email Agnew at [MYCAgnew@gmail.com](mailto:MYCAgnew@gmail.com).

Actors of all ages may apply, and even non-actors are encouraged to sign up as this is a production hoping to have the "real feel" of Gatesville.

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# The DISPATCH

The following is a breakdown of activity reported through dispatchers during the period of February 9 - 12. While there were many calls to the dispatcher, this is a partial list of more significant activity. Persons are reminded that only emergency calls should be made to 9-1-1, while all other calls to the police department should be made to 865-2226 or to the Sheriff's office at 865-7201.

## CITY OF GATESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Feb. 9**  
12:07 a.m., a threat was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.  
3:52 a.m., harassment was reported in the 1500 block of W. Main Street.  
12:43 p.m., a brush/grass fire was reported in the 200 block of E. Main Street.  
5:25 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 100 block of FM 116.  
6:24 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 2200 block

of E. Main Street.  
7:15 p.m., an accident was reported in the 1200 block of E. Main Street.  
**Feb. 10**  
3:05 a.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 1300 block of Mills Street.  
2:26 p.m., an accident was reported in the 2500 block of E. Main Street.  
4:06 p.m., a theft was reported in the 1300 block of Mills Street.  
5:48 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported on CR 318 near Mound.  
7:23 p.m., a disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of Venus Avenue.  
9:00 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 1300 block of FM 2412.

7:49 p.m., a noise disturbance was reported in the 100 block of N. 29th Street.  
9:50 p.m., suspicious activity was reported in the 2600 block of E. Main Street.

400 block of E. Brooks Drive.  
7:46 p.m., a domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Northern Dove Lane.  
9:05 p.m., a vehicle fire was reported in the 1300 block of FM 2412.

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## CORYELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**Feb. 9**  
2:23 p.m., a reckless driver was reported in the 7000 block of FM 116.  
2:58 p.m., a possible fire was reported on E. Hwy. 84.  
3:02 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 800 block of Old Georgetown Road.  
3:39 p.m., the theft of a firearm was reported in the 500 block of Coryell City Road.  
6:38 p.m., illegal burning was reported in the 100 block of Harrell Drive.  
8:25 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Vista Road.

**Feb. 11**  
8:39 a.m., a theft was reported in the 2000 block of N. Hwy. 36.  
9:00 a.m., a civil matter was reported in the 3500 block of FM 1113.  
10:33 a.m., a threat was reported in the 600 block of CR 320.  
2:27 p.m., a major accident was reported in the 1000 block of Lutheran Church Road.  
2:34 p.m., trespassing was reported in the 100 block of CR 232.  
9:29 p.m., illegal burning was reported in the 1700 block of Oak Springs Road.

**Feb. 12**  
11:04 a.m., the burglary of a building was reported in the 1200 block of Straws Mill Road.  
11:50 a.m., a theft was reported in the 900 block of Greystone Drive.  
12:50 p.m., a minor accident was reported on E. Hwy. 84 and CR 304.  
3:42 p.m., a grass fire was reported in the 10000 block of FM 929.  
5:05 p.m., a civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of King Country Road.  
11:21 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported on FM 932 and CR 102.

**Feb. 10**  
11:22 a.m., a welfare concern was reported in the 3000 block of CR 322.  
11:53 a.m., a theft was reported on N. Hwy. 36.  
2:00 p.m., a livestock complaint was reported in the 4300 block of N. State Hwy. 36.  
4:09 p.m., a minor accident was reported in the

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## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

### Thinking about being called home

#### SAM HOUSTON

Sam Houston is a newspaper executive and columnist. He is also an actor, author, playwright and entertainment producer and promoter



Sam Houston

In the recent past, I spent a considerable amount of time in Covid-19 lockdown. Our government officials told everyone to stay home and since I have several risk factors which make me more susceptible to the illness, I did exactly that.

The people who know me understand sitting still and doing nothing is not something which I would be accustomed to. The first few days I did manage to clean up my long-neglected office and went through some boxes in the garage, of old pictures my folks had left to me. I dedicated a portion of the day to working on my next book and made significant progress towards getting it completed.

As the days rolled by, it became harder and harder to find something productive to do. With a degree of disdain, I forced myself to clean up some long-neglected book-keeping work.

Then one day I reflected, perhaps it was time for me to put some thought into what I wanted to take place when I passed. Probably like a lot of folks, death is not something which I particularly dwell on, especially my own. I will turn 66 this next summer and as much as I would like to argue with the sands of time, I understand I am a whole lot closer to the end than the beginning.

For young folks, they might not understand, but there comes a time in your life, no matter your health, your state of mind, or how you feel, you must accept that in the grand scheme of things: "I'm old". Do not misunderstand. There is nothing wrong with being old. It means a person has survived the trials and tribulations of life. It means your brain carries hundreds of thousands of memories (some good and some bad) which can be opened and re-

visited. Hopefully, it means a person has acquired some degree of wisdom and judgment.

As I sat down and invested the time to truly reflect on my last wishes, it became a serious learning experience for me. I learned I did not care about a big funeral. I did not really care what music was going to be played during the service. I really was not that concerned about where I would be put to rest.

What I came to understand was the only thoughts that came to my heart were the relationships and people I would leave behind. I never once thought about a possession, or a piece of property. My mind and heart were focused on the human interaction I had with the world, and what mark I might have made on others. I was remorseful for mistakes I had made and joyful over blessings I had received along the way.

Someday, and without question sooner than I would wish, I will be called home, as will everyone who is reading this column. In the time between now and then, I hope all of us can appreciate the goodness around us, value the friends we have, forgive those who have wronged us, and savor these precious moments we call life. In the end, those are the things that matter.

Thought for the day: Most good judgement comes from the exercise of bad judgement.

Until next time.

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# February shows announced at Mayborn Science Theater



The Mayborn Science Theater, located on the Central Texas College campus, announced its February show lineup. During the month, Saturday shows, weekday matinees, laser Friday, Presidents Day laser light show matinees and a star tour will be offered.

The Saturday schedule begins at 11 a.m. with "The Little Star That Could." Meet an average yellow star searching for planets of its own to protect and warm. Along the way, he meets other stars, learns what makes each star special and discovers that stars combine to form clusters and galaxies. The audience will also learn about the planets and our solar system.

At 12 p.m. is "Kaluoka'hina: The Enchanted Reef." This a one-of-a-kind tropical reef is hidden in the vast oceans of our planet and is full of adventure and mystery. After a volcano catastrophe, two young fish must restore the magic of their home and save the enchanted reef. The humorous adventure is filled with many informative details about the fantastic world under water and sharpens our awareness about preserving our environment.

The doubleheader, "Legends of the Night Sky: Orion" and "Legends of the Night Sky: Perseus and Andromeda," is at 1 p.m. First, take a lighthearted look at the

myths and stories associated with one of the night sky's most famous constellations, Orion, the great hunter of the winter sky. Then, "Legends of the Night Sky: Perseus and Andromeda" is filled with humorous and exciting characters including Perseus the mighty warrior, Pegasus the winged horse, Cetus the sea monster and the fearsome monster Medusa. The shows are designed to engage youngsters into learning about the night sky.

At 2:30 p.m. is "Ningaloo: Australia's Other Great Reef." Explore the unique and breathtaking underwater world along the vast coral highway stretching along the Northwest coast of Western Australia and enjoy a magical expedition through the Ningaloo Reef - a dazzling and psychedelic creator of life attracting the smallest and largest sea life.

"Mars One Thousand One" is at 3:30 p.m. The show entails the first human mission to Mars - a daring 1,000-day mission to fly an international crew to the red planet. Witness firsthand the astronauts' brave attempts to put human footprints on Mars and return safely to Earth.

At 4:30 p.m. is "Natural Selection: Darwin's Mystery of Mysteries." Follow a young Charles Darwin on an adventurous voyage of exploration, circumnavigating the world with the HMS Beagle. Witness the thrill of scientific discovery by seeing the world through Darwin's eyes, make observations and let the pieces of the scientific puzzle slowly but surely fall into place.

The Saturday shows conclude with the laser light show "iPop" at 5:30 p.m. Featuring a variety of pop hits through the decades, the show includes artists such as Justin Bieber, Selena Gomez, Miley Cyrus, Daft Punk, Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, the Jackson Five and more.

Weekday matinees are every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. On Feb. 9 is "The Hot and En-

ergetic Universe," highlighting the natural phenomena related to high-energy astrophysics in relation to our galaxy, neutron stars, supernova remnants, black holes and stars like the sun.

"Exoplanets: Worlds of Wonder" is on Feb. 16. Join the venture of mankind's first space probe outside our solar system. On Feb. 23, "The Cowboy Astronomer" features cowboy poet Baxter Black relating star legends, cowboy tales and Native American legends combined with constellation identification, star-hopping and astronomy tidbits he's found out over a lifetime of stargazing. Weekday matinees are \$5 for all ages, per show.

On Presidents Day, Feb. 21, two laser light show matinees are scheduled. First at 1:30 p.m. is "Spirit of America" which offers many patriotic and inspiring songs from artists like Celine Dion, Brooks and Dunn, John Fogerty, Aaron Copeland, John Cougar Mellencamp, Lee Greenwood and more. Then at 2:30 p.m. is "Laser Spirit" with a mix of pop and patriotic tunes from U2, Madonna, John Williams, Kansas and the Boston Pops Orchestra.

Laser Friday is Feb. 25 and features the premiere of "Laser Grateful Dead" at 6 p.m. The show offers kaleidoscopic psychedelia to homespun country rock to epic live jams with some of the Grateful Dead's greatest hits. At 7 p.m., enjoy some of the legendary rock band Led Zeppelin's greatest hits in "Laser Zeppelin" and at 8 p.m. is "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon."

Learn about the constellations and stars in the current night sky with Warren's Star Tour on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 5:30 p.m. It preempts the regular scheduled show.

For complete show descriptions, directions, membership information and more, visit [starsatnight.org](http://starsatnight.org).

# OBITUARIES

## SHIRLEY ANN LOVE

Aug. 18, 1935 - Feb. 9, 2022



Shirley Ann Love, of Valley Mills, was a caring wife, momma, nanny, sister, aunt, and friend. She left this world on Feb. 9, 2022, at the age of 86. Shirley was born in Waco to W.T. and Geraldine (Stevens) Smith on Au-

gust 18, 1935.

She married her soulmate, Arlis "Lynn" Love, on July 26, 1952, in the living room of her parent's home, and they would have celebrated 70 years of marriage this year. Shirley was a dedicated and loving momma to Donna and Lisa and doting nanny to five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

In her spare time, Shirley enjoyed scrapbooking, baking cakes for special occasions, and could often be found cutting a rug at The Grove Community Center or Sul Ross Dance Club with her sweetheart Lynn.

After moving to Valley Mills, Shirley was an active member of the First Baptist Church, the Bosque Valley Heritage Society, and the Domino Darlings. She

was happiest surrounded by family playing a game of croquet, dominos, or cards, lovingly teased by her family for changing the rules as she played. Shirley was loved by all who met her and will be missed dearly.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Feb. 16, 2022, at Waco Memorial Park.

Mrs. Love was preceded in death by her husband and parents. She is survived by daughters Donna (Love) Bankhead and husband, Jerry, of McGregor, Lisa (Love) Plemons of Valley Mills; brothers, Bill Smith and wife, Ruth, of Valley Mills, Bobby Smith and wife, Kay, of Waco; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

# CTC to host Black History Month presentations

Central Texas College (CTC) commemorates Black History Month with presentations hosted by the CTC Oveta Culp Hobby Memorial Library and a joint effort of the Center for African American Studies and Research and Texas A&M University-Central Texas (TAMUCT). Two of the events will be offered virtually and one offers an option of in-person while also being streamed live. Each event is free and open to the public.

The virtual presentation, "Black History Month: A Civil Rights History," is Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 12 to 1 p.m. Kimberley Pace, CTC history professor, will discuss the Civil Rights Movement. The presentation will be streamed live on the CTC library Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CTCHM-Library](http://www.facebook.com/CTCHM-Library).

CTC's Center for African American Studies and Research and TAMUCT will co-



host a virtual presentation entitled, "African-American Contributions to Local History," on Thursday, Feb. 17 from 5:45 to 8:30 p.m. The event features a panel of presenters: Horace Grace of the Center for African American Studies and Research; Roscoe Harrison, the first African-American television news anchor in central Texas; Michele Carter, CTC deputy chancellor - Finance and Administration and chief diversity officer; Sandie Johnson, founder and CEO of It's All About You Talent Services and president of the TAMUCT Black Student Union; Jalea Jones, psalmist and musical minister; and Jerry Jones, TAMUCT dean

of the College of Arts and Sciences. It will be streamed live on the TAMUCT YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zV900jxnA6M>.

On Feb. 28, Herman Brown will present, "Black History Month: A Military Standpoint," where he will share his experience of serving in the U.S. Army as an African-American soldier. Brown served 26 years in the Army and retired with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3. The discussion is from noon to 1 p.m. and will be an in-person event held in the CTC library lobby as well as streamed live on the library's Facebook page.

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## WELDING

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What do you want to be when you grow up? If you like building things, have you ever thought about being a welder?

A welder "welds" pieces of metal together. When you want to \_\_\_\_\_ two pieces of paper together you could use glue, \_\_\_\_\_ or a stapler. But how do you get two pieces of metal to \_\_\_\_\_ and stay together? It takes some intense heat!

Welders work with \_\_\_\_\_ and flames or very hot equipment. It takes a lot of heat to melt \_\_\_\_\_. A **blowtorch** is aimed at metal to \_\_\_\_\_ high heat to melt metal. Sometimes, when watching a welder work you will see him or her surrounded by a shower of \_\_\_\_\_. Those sparks are little pieces of melted metal! They can burn clothing and skin, so \_\_\_\_\_ is very important in welding.

To be safe, welders wear special jackets, gloves and work shoes. They wear a helmet with a safety visor or safety glasses — sometimes both. They also make sure to have a fire extinguisher within \_\_\_\_\_.

Replace the missing words.

HEAT
STICK
METAL
TAPES
ATTACH
REACH
APPLY
SPARKS

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### Welding Around Home

Wendy wants to be a welder someday like her Uncle Wesley. She drew pictures of some of the things she thinks required welding in order to be built. Cross out the things that were not welded together. Have a family member check your work.

FRIDGE

CAR

SHOVEL

BBQ GRILL

WOODEN CHAIR

BASKETBALL HOOP

DRYER

STOVE

NIGHTSTAND

CRAYONS

### How can I become a welder?

Welders learn their trade by working in an apprenticeship training program. Circle every other letter to discover what an **apprentice** is.

SDOKMLEVONJEGWFHBOGLAEXANR  
PNCSYAOJFOYBTFVRHOIMLATSFKOI  
RLJLTERDGWOHRBKCETRA

S O M \_\_\_\_\_

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### Being a Welder is a Good Job!

Replace the missing vowels to find out the many ways being a welder is a good career.

- Welders h\_l\_p\_p\_ ple by making th\_ngs\_m\_de with m\_t\_l\_f be str\_nng and s\_fe.
- The p\_y is v\_ry\_g\_d.
- The w\_r\_k\_w\_ld\_rs do touches m\_st ev\_ryb\_dy/s lives.
- There is a sh\_rtage of w\_ld\_rs so th\_re are m\_ny\_j\_b\_penings.

### Hot Hotter Hottest!

Look through the newspaper for pictures or words that go with each of the words **hot**, **hotter**, and **hottest**. Paste these onto a blank sheet of paper and label each one. Repeat this activity for more adjectives such as cold, small, short, tall, funny, and other adjectives that can be used to compare nouns.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Understand and identify antonyms.

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### Welders in the News

Look through the newspaper for images that show things a welder might have made. Find 10 images and then group them into categories based on similarities. Come up with a name for each category.

Standards Link: Write descriptively comparing past and present.

### Write On!

## The Magic Key

One day, while walking down the street, I found a key. Every time I tried to open a lock it ...

*Finish this story.*

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### TOOL BOX TRIVIA: BLOWTORCH

A blowtorch produces a very, very hot flame to make heat that allows a welder to mold and cut metal. It's a dangerous tool and takes training and special safety equipment to use safely.

Blowtorch is a compound word—a word created by combining two smaller words. Draw lines to weld pairs of words to create compound words.

BLUE
SNOW
CUP
BALL
WALL
BUTTER
TEA
HERO
BIRD
SUPER
MILK
PAPER

### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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E	S	N	E	T	N	I	H	L	T
V	K	N	O	W	S	H	O	E	R
O	R	E	D	L	E	W	R	M	A
L	A	A	T	L	T	O	T	E	I
G	P	N	M	O	S	F	A	T	N
E	S	E	R	I	O	T	G	A	I
Y	T	C	V	U	F	L	E	L	N
I	H	E	A	T	B	R	S	T	G

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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### REPORTER'S CORNER

Choose a story in this newspaper. Cut out the headline or write the headline in the box below.

WHY did the editor of this newspaper choose to send a reporter to find out more about this event?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

WHY did this event happen?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What other questions would YOU ask people involved in this event?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Standards Link: Reading/Writing: Draw evidence from informational text.

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c/o: Barbara Jean Alber  
 Estate of Dennis John Alber  
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DATED the 8th day of February, 2022.

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c/o Mark Russell  
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# Lady Elks outrun Lady Tigers, 44-34

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE  
STAFF WRITER

The Evant Lady Elks have clinched the third spot in District 18-1A with their 44-34 win over the Gustine Lady Tigers in a girls basketball game at the Goldthwaite High School Gym on Friday.

The Lady Elks (12-10 overall, 8-5 in district) and the Lady Tigers (14-16 overall, 7-6 in district) met for the third time this season to decide who would take the third spot in the district.

Luwi Rodriguez began the game scoring 8 of her 14-points total scored in the first quarter to start the game.

EHS girls head coach Chad Baker credited the Lady Elks defense as a key part of their win.

"We had several points in transition throughout the game," Baker stated in an email. "Just like the last time we played them in Gustine, so I was happy with our effort getting up and down the court. But I think our defense was key, especially early, in helping us come out on top."

Just like last time, the Lady Elks had to stop Gustine's Emma Miller from having a big game against them. Rodriguez was tasked with covering Miller during this game just as she had last game. Rodriguez held her to 7 points in the previous matchup. Miller scored 15 points in this game, with seven of Miller's points coming from free throws attempts.

According to Baker the Lady Elks need to work on committing fewer fouls in their run in the postseason.

"Overall, as a team, we still need to work on not fouling so much," Baker stated in the same email. "I'll chalk some of it up to being mostly freshmen, but we do need to get it under check. We were the most aggressive team and were able to turn that aggressiveness into a win."

The Lady Elks played the Lometa Hornets (7-6 overall, 2-2 in district) on Monday in Lampasas in the first round of the playoffs. Results from this game will be in a future edition.

Evant points -- Emiliagh Burton 16, Luwi Rodriguez 14, Hailey Neri & Julia Andrade 5 each, and Bree Ramirez 4.

# Jonesboro soars past Mount Calm

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE  
STAFF WRITER

The Jonesboro Eagles finished their regular season with a 67-39 win over their District 25-1A opponent, the Mount Calm Panthers at the Jonesboro High School Gym on Friday.

The playoff-bound Eagles (12-10

overall, 9-3 in district) came into this game with momentum after beating Aquilla on Tuesday and were looking to finish the regular season strong.

A strong, 29-8 point run over the Panthers (5-16 overall, 2-7 in district) in the second quarter gave the Eagles a 39-17 advantage over the Panthers at intermission.

The Eagles then outscored the Panthers 18-10 in the third quarter widening their margin of victory. They finished the final quarter being outscored by the Panthers 12-10.

Layton Blanchard led the Eagles in scoring with 14 points, while his teammate Garrett Young followed with 13 points. Nat Hiliker finished

with 11 points, while Dakota Riley scored 8 points. Ian Shoaf, Manny Torres, and Jacob Cisneros had 6 points each. Costin Allison finished with 3 points.

Jonesboro played the Rochelle Hornets (11-9 overall, 4-5 in district) in non-district action on Tuesday at the Jonesboro High School Gym to keep the team warm

for the playoffs.

Results from this game will be in a future issue.

The Eagles will be watching the results of the Abbott Panthers and Aquilla Cougars because, with a Cougar loss, the Eagles can play a tiebreaker for second place in District 25 on Friday.

## MARTINEZ IN ACTION



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Carlo Martinez returns the ball during a match against Brownwood in Gatesville's home tennis tournament on Friday. For more photos and results, see Page 10.

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## Tigers fall to Abbott

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE  
STAFF WRITER

The Oglesby Tigers lost 71-27 to their District 25-1A boys basketball opponent the Abbott Panthers on Tuesday (Feb. 8).

The night did not go how the Tigers (5-9 overall, 3-7 in district) would have envisioned being outscored in every quarter by the Panthers (15-2 overall, 11-0 in district). Senior Blake Thompson led the Tigers in scoring, shooting 19 points in the game, followed by his teammate Hunter Walters with 6. Johnny Gomez and Hunter Ewing scored 2 points each.

The Tigers played their final regular season game against the Gholson Wildcats (1-17 overall, 1-9 in district) on Monday, Feb. 14 at the Gholson High School Gym. Results from this game will be in a future edition.

Lady Tigers  
The Oglesby Lady Tigers fell short 69-31 in a District 25-1A girls basketball game against the Abbott Lady Panthers on Tuesday.

The Lady Tigers (5-6 overall, 2-6 in district) were outscored in every quarter but played hard the entire game but fell short to the Lady Panthers (22-4 overall, 11-1 in district). Lacie Luckie led the team in scoring with 11 points, followed by Addison Hamilton with 8 points. Matti Dixon scored 4 points, while Adrian Herrings, Lizette Castillo, Roselyn Richie, Victoria Cardenas scored 2 points each.

The Lady Tigers played in the first round of the playoffs against the Coolidge Yellow Jackets (19-6 overall, 12-0 in district) on Tuesday Feb. 15 at Mart High School. Results from this game will be in a future edition

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## Eight GHS tennis players win gold

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE  
STAFF WRITER

On a beautiful day for tennis at the Gatesville High School tennis courts on Friday (Feb. 11), eight GHS tennis players received gold medals at the GHS tournament.

The tournament consisted of eight schools: Gatesville, Jarrell, Stephenville, Leander Tom Glenn, San Saba, Mexia, Sweetwater, and Brownwood, who all battled to win the tournament. This tournament gave the Hornets competition against two district opponents, Brownwood and Stephenville.

Stormy Tatum won first in girl's singles, while Anna Mitchell came in third in girl's singles. Kacey Fitzer and Callie Smith got first in girl's doubles.

In mixed doubles, Julee Sun and Ty Warren teamed to win first place. Slone Early won first in boy's singles, while Alex Scott and Carlo Martinez won first in boy's doubles.

GHS tennis head coach Wendell Jones said he thought that all the GHS athletes played solid games during the tournament.

It was hard to miss the boys' doubles match on court one with Scott and Martinez battling two Brownwood opponents. Jones



Alex Scott prepares to serve the ball during a tennis match in Gatesville's tournament on Feb. 11.

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shared that the two athletes are

improving their skills in tennis.

"Alex is running balls down that

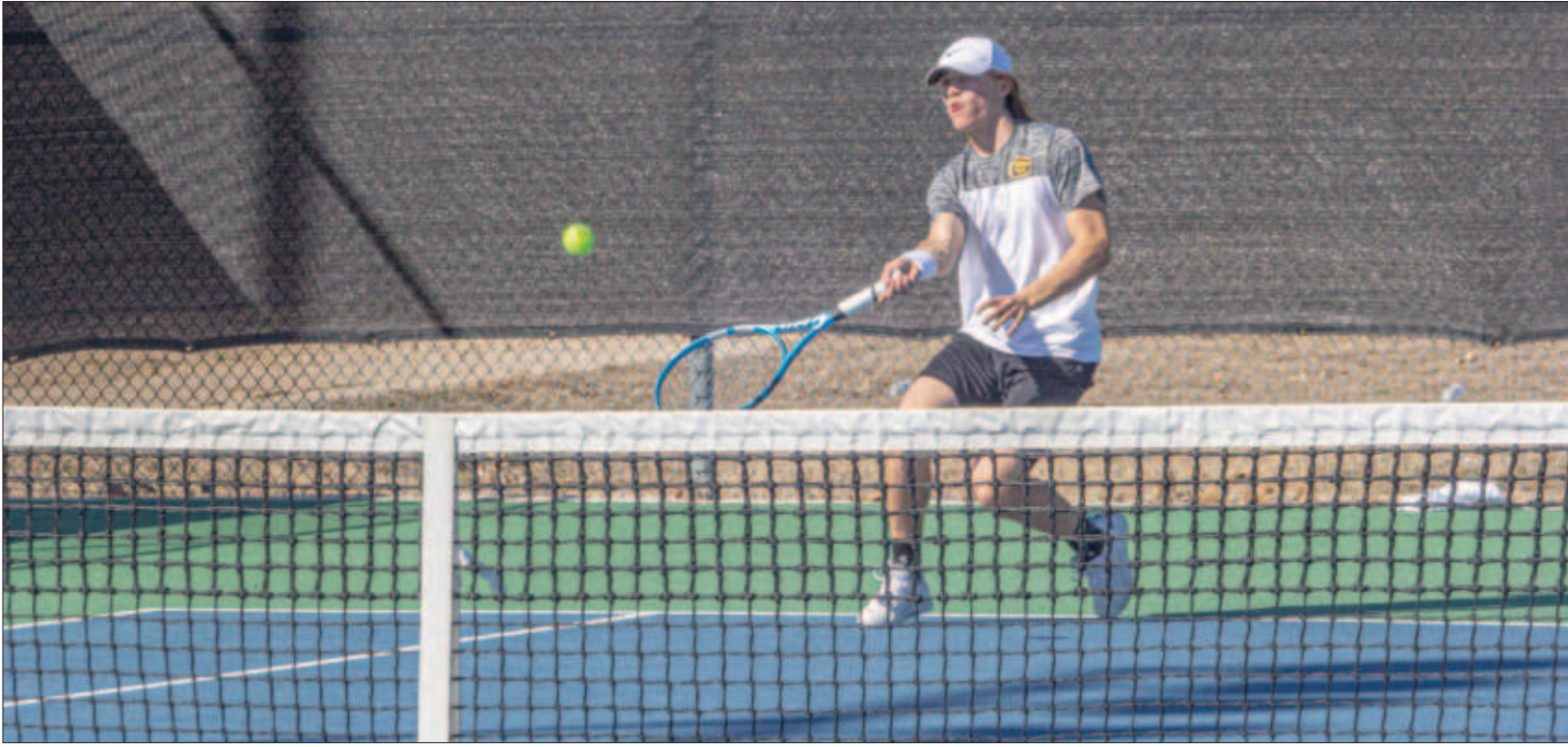
he would never have even attempted a year ago," Jones said. "Carlo bounces off walls. He has all sorts of energy. He'll run two miles before a match to burn off energy. He's playing very much under control. And he keeps getting better in his stroke and stroke selection."

Martinez and Scott say they have a bond like brothers. Martinez was influenced by Scott in his eighth-grade year to play the sport. Martinez credits tennis lessons as something that helps him, and his doubles partner grow as players.

"We take lessons usually every Sunday. So that really helped us through our play, and it made me feel a lot more professional," Martinez said. "I may not be at that level yet or ever will reach that level, but I'm glad that I got to play and got number one in the tournament."

Martinez thanked Glen and Sue Vernon, Jones, Marla, and Justin Tatum for their help in developing him into the athlete he is today.

The GHS tennis team will participate in the Copperas Cove Tournament on Friday (Feb. 18).



Slone Early returns the ball for the Hornet tennis team during a match on Feb. 11.

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## Badgers top Hornets in regular season finale

BY TRISTON MCGEHEE  
STAFF WRITER

Senior night did not go as planned for the Gatesville Hornets as they fell to their District 6-4A rival the Lampasas Badgers 80-48 on Friday at Sidney L. Pruitt Gymnasium in Gatesville.

This was the last regular season game in district play for the Hornets but is not their last of the season. The game also marked the last time seniors Jaiden Gomez and Bradyn Culley will play on their home court, as they are graduating.

The game was physical and aggressive from tipoff with the Hornets fighting their district foe competitively. A tough second and third quarter saw the Badgers post 27 points in those quarters, separating themselves from the Hornets on the scoreboard.

GHS boys basketball coach Brit Campbell credited his team's ability to keep playing hard, regardless of the frustration they endured in the loss.

"The guys never let up," Campbell said. "No matter what the score was, no matter how we were playing, how frustrated we got. The effort stayed consistent, and they battled to the end."

This game did not affect playoff seeding for the Hornets, as they are locked in the fourth spot in their district and are awaiting their next opponent in the post-season. Their opponent will be determined depending on the winner of the game between Wichita Falls Hirsch and Burkburnett, which played Tuesday.



Gatesville's Rayshon Smith waits for an opening near the net in the Hornets' game against Lampasas on Feb. 11.

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Tuesday was an open game for the Hornets, and they will

use the time during the week to prepare for their playoff

run.

Hornet points—Rayshon

Smith 12, Jack Carroll 10, Tyler Shea 10, Carter Wil-

liams 8, Jaden Gomez 7, Bradyn Culley 1.